

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5318
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MINING OF SAND AND RAW GRANITE IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have identified several areas in Tamil Nadu for mining of sand and raw granite blocks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) the details of the parties who were awarded the mining project of sand and granite blocks in the State location-wise; and
- (d) the approximate quantity of sand and granites extracted annually and the income generated therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d): Sand (except when used for refractory & manufacture of ceramic, metallurgical purpose, optical purpose, stowing in coal mines, etc) and Granite are minor minerals defined under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957. For minor minerals, the State Governments are fully empowered to regulate and grant mineral concessions according to the Minor Mineral Concession Rules (MMCR) framed by the State Government concerned under section 15 of the Act and therefore such information is not centrally maintained.

The number of reporting mines for silica sand (including the quantity and value of production) in the State of Tamil Nadu during 2000-2001 is given below:-

(Quantity in tonnes) (Value in `000 Rs.)

2000-2001

No. of Mines	Quantity	Value
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2	2687	1778
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(Chengapatta District)